

## TO LEAVE FOR CAMP

Local Military Companies Will  
Start at 12:30 Today.

## ONE WEEK AT ISLAND LAKE

The Contingent Will Be Smaller Than  
Usual, But a Good Time Is Ex-  
pected—Sunday Guests.

Tomorrow the brave soldier boys of Michigan will go into camp at Island Lake for one week, and subject themselves to the strict discipline of camp life in the midst of nature. The tents have been erected and the necessary arrangements made for their accommodation by the advance guard who were detailed Monday morning from the various companies in the state. At 12:30 this afternoon about 130 members of the three local companies will take the Detroit, Lansing & Northern train for camp, and will not return until next Wednesday evening. The number from this city will be somewhat smaller than on former years, and it is expected the number in camp will fall below the usual contingent. Several of the boys in this city have been excused from attending camp because they wish to attend the world's fair. Those who are employed cannot obtain permission from their employers to spend a week in camp, and later another two at the fair, and many of them have chosen the world's fair in preference to the camp. The companies in the city are companies B, E and H, and from present indications about one half of their membership will be represented in camp. Company B—Captain, John D. Kromer; first lieutenant, John H. Taylor; second lieutenant, Frank E. Spraker; is credited with sixty-three members. This company expects to send forty members into camp with all of its officers. Company E—Captain, Edward C. Bennett; first lieutenant, John J. Vos; second lieutenant, Percy F. Stora, has seventy-eight members and will go into camp with forty members under Lieutenant Stora. Captain Bennett will not be able to accompany his men and they will be in charge of Lieutenant Stora until Friday morning, when Lieutenant Vos will appear in camp to assist him. Lieutenant Vos will leave here Thursday evening, but not being able to go today. Company H—Captain, John D. Boone; first lieutenant, John H. Schouten; second lieutenant, Charles H. Cline, has seventy good able-bodied soldiers and will go into camp with about fifty men. All the officers of this company expect to leave today but Lieutenant Schouten, who is just recovering from a severe illness, will open tomorrow morning at sunrise and will break next Tuesday morning, making one week including one day each for going and returning. It is expected many friends of the boys will go down on Saturday to spend Sunday in camp.

## OTIE BROTHERS' EXCURSION.

Their Employees Given a Delightful  
Trip to the Park.

Otte Brothers, proprietors of the American Steam Laundry, gave a delightful excursion to Macatawa Park Monday to their employees, and the day was one of pleasure to the seventy-nine persons who participated in the general entertainment given by the firm. The proprietors headed the column in the morning which started from the main office and marched in two to the Union depot, where they took the 8:50 train. Each person wore a pretty Rhinograd badge. At the park the company spent the forenoon in the cooling shade of the lake and promenade, and the beautiful hills. At 12:30 they set down to a bountiful spread prepared by Landlord Saynor. After dinner John Otte, on behalf of the firm, spoke to the crowd as follows:

"Fellow co-workers, it is indeed a pleasure and a treat to the proprietors, as well as to you, to get away for a day from the humdrum of business and forget it. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. It is indeed gratifying to note the good feeling existing between employer and employee, and they can go out a day like this and enjoy it together. Have you ever given it a thought that you are engaged, next to the church and the school, in a business which tends to educate the people up to a standard of cleanliness, without which no Christian religion can exist. Cleanliness is next to Godliness. If you are not clean, you cannot possess the cardinal virtues of Christianity; clean in outward appearance as well as inward. The laundry business of today is not what it was twenty years ago. It has been elevated to a point of perfection and elevated in the community, so that today it is on an equal, so far as respectability is concerned, with any line of trade. In many respects it is superior to other trades. The organization of the laundry union attest this. The unions have not been organized for the purpose of crushing the employer, but for the benefit of both employer and employee. They have been the means of establishing prices and terms which without them would have been impossible, and in so doing have enabled owners of laundries to pay better wages to those employed by them. They have been a help to competitors in the way of offering aid in case of fire. Recently one of the large laundries in Denver was burned with a total loss. Of course it would have taken months for this firm to resume business, and by the time they were ready their custom would have gone elsewhere. The laundries went to the unfortunate one and offered to do their work, thus enabling them to carry on their business. Is this not a Christian act? Such has been the line along which the laundries have been working. They have also considered the comfort of their employees by improving the sanitary condition of their works. In our industry we have a laundries' organization, working along the same line—a harmonious and genial lot of men. I am only sorry they are not here. We extend to them an invitation to be with us on this occasion, but they were unable to accept it. This organization includes the best laundries in Grand Rapids. The National Laundry association will meet in Detroit September 15, 16 and 17. Our citymen's days in Chicago at the world's fair. So you see we are something more than Chinamen, and you need not be ashamed to be connected with the business. We, the proprietors of the American Steam Laundry of Grand Rapids, are not ashamed of it. We have grown from the small steam to the giant steam, and have done it by trying to do our fellow men as we would wish to be done by. We strive to be connected with our customers, and our help.

not finish for self alone. With these few remarks we wish you all an enjoyable day."

The address was responded to by Henry Hagen on behalf of the employees, thanking the firm for its kindness in providing the pleasure of the day. Excursion on Lake Michigan was given in the afternoon and the company was entertained with comic songs and sketches by members of the party. Supper was served at 7 p. m., followed by a dancing party in the hotel. The residents of the park were unanimous in the expression that the party was the best looking excursion party that had visited the park this season.

## IT'S A DORMITORY.

Soldiers' Home Board Disapproves the  
Cottage Annex System.

The board of managers of the Soldiers' home will decide today to build a dormitory at the home for the wives and widows of deceased soldiers. The cottage system has not found favor in their eyes. The leading architects of the city will submit plans for a building to cost not less than \$15,000 and the board will make a selection. Contracts will be advertised for immediately, and the work of erecting the building began as soon as possible. It is the intention of the board to have the dormitory completed in time for occupancy January 1. Nothing of importance was accomplished at the meeting yesterday, the time being occupied largely in auditing accounts.

## Died.

WARD—Frederick Butler Ward, of paralytic, of Joliet, Ill., deceased, was son of Commander James H. Ward, U. S. N., and was well known in New York and Chicago as an economic reformer. He leaves five daughters, two sons and a widow.

E. G. Cherryman, funeral director, No. 29 Fountain street, telephone 1,000.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last publication, with the names of the parties (when out of the city) and ages of the parties:

Agos. Linje Lemstra and Helen Van Der Kilt, 45—47  
Christian W. Weisheit, 36—38  
Lizzie M. Murphy, 36—38

## Real Estate Transfers.

Grace Mitchell to Charles Richardson, lot 15, blk 4, Campbell & Underwood's Windsor add., \$50  
Guy Webster to John W. Shutt, lots 88 and 89, blk 11, Vanrent plat., \$50  
Charles C. Wilmut to Hantley Russell, lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

## GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES.

Territory Acquired Since the Time of  
Thomas Jefferson.

When independence was established the bounds of the new country were extremely indefinite. The limits of the thirteen states were known with reasonable exactness, although there were at the outset disputes both between the states and between the United States and the European governments whose possessions lay alongside ours. The first great acquisition of territory, says the Youth's Companion, was that of Louisiana, which Spain had ceded to France and which Emperor Napoleon sold to the United States for fifteen million dollars in 1803, when Mr. Jefferson was president. Mr. Jefferson did not believe that the constitution permitted the United States to annex foreign territory and wished that an amendment should be adopted to sanction it, but the amendment failed after the annexation had been accomplished, and Mr. Jefferson stilled his scruples. Louisiana, as acquired from France, included the territory bounded on the east by the Mississippi river from its mouth to its source, on the north by the line of the British possessions; on the west by the Pacific ocean to the south line of Oregon. The other boundary follows the north line of California, Nevada and Utah as far east as the Rocky mountains and thence in a general southeasterly direction, so as to include part of Colorado and most of Kansas and the Indian territory and all of Arkansas and Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico. Florida was for many years the object of covetousness on the part of our government, which claimed now a part and now the whole as included in the Louisiana purchase. The United States finally obtained it from Spain in 1819, when Mr. Monroe was president. What was known as west Florida, including the part of Alabama in which Mobile is situated, had already been seized and held forcibly by Texas, originally a part of Mexico, and itself up as an independent republic in 1808. Its population consisted largely of bold and somewhat reckless adventurers from the southern states. In one year Texas had six hundred indepen-

dence after a sharp war with Mexico, and a few months afterward applied for union with this country. The question remained open until, having agitated American politics for many years and having cost Mr. Van Buren the democratic nomination for president in 1844, it was finally settled in 1845. Texas was annexed and was admitted as a state of the union by a joint resolution approved by President Polk. California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and the western part of Colorado were acquired by conquest. They were ceded to the United States at the close of the Mexican war during Polk's administration in 1848. Nevertheless, nearly twenty million dollars was paid to Mexico in settlement of certain claims as the price of the territory. Excepting west Florida, already referred to, this is the only territory gained by the sword. A strip of land in southern Arizona was not in the Mexican cession, but was bought in 1853, Pierce being president at the time, for ten million dollars. Thus the country became possessed of all its present territory between Canada on the north and Mexico on the south. Alaska was purchased of Russia during Mr. Johnson's presidency in 1867, and the sum of seven million two hundred thousand dollars was paid for it. Its total area is almost the same as that of all the territory obtained of Mexico by conquest and purchase.

## An Instrumental Blower.

To obviate the risk of expulsion that may attend indulgence in the practice of hiding at public entertainments, the Belgians have invented an ingenious little instrument for emitting the desired noise. It is a tiny bellows with a whistle for a mouthpiece, which the spectator puts under his foot.

## To Cleanse the System.

Effectually yet gently, when constive or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, to dispel headaches, colds or fevers, use Syrup of Figs.

## By Special Request.

Out of courtesy to a large number of our regular customers who requested it, we will continue our Great Rebate Sale one week longer. School commences soon and it would be well to purchase your children's shoes now and take advantage of the rebate. This is your last chance, a word to the wise is sufficient, buy now and save a dollar.

O'HARA'S, No. 72 Canal street.

## To the Races for 7 Cents.

Tickets for sale at Hart's cigar store to the races via Soldiers' Home and North park only 7 cents.

## \$3.90 Chicago and Return via Goodrich Line.

Tuesday, Aug. 8, the D. G. H. & M. Ry., in connection with the Goodrich Line, will give another of those popular seven day excursions to the world's fair, leaving Grand Rapids at 7:25 a. m.; fare only \$3.90 for the round trip.

JOS. CAMPBELL, City Agent.

## The Columbian Social club will give a dancing party at the North Park pavilion Wednesday evening, August 9.

## To Our Friends and Patrons—We wish to announce that on Saturday, August 12, we will open our branch store at 42 West Bridge street. On that day we will present to each of our customers making a purchase a box of fine confectionery, at either of our stores. Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 108 Monroe street, 42 West Bridge street.

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Tickets for sale at Hart's cigar store to the races via Soldiers' Home and North park only 7 cents.

## Excursion to Chicago via G. R. &amp; I.

On Thursday, August 10th, the G. R. & I. will sell excursion tickets to Chicago and return for one fare rate, \$5.40; good for return until August 10th. Solid train at 8 a. m. Night train at 11:20 p. m. Solid train leaves Chicago for Grand Rapids at 4:15 p. m., dining car attached. Night train leaves at 9:50 p. m. Call telephone No. 000.

## Mrs. M. H. Parsons has closed her dressmaking parlors in the Gilbert. She will be pleased to see her friends at her new parlors, 126 North Division street, after August 15.

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## CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Rich Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as indigestion, nausea, drowsiness, distress after eating, pain in the side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

## SICK HEADACHE.

Headache, get CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Keep it only cured.

## ACHE.

Acts they would be almost powerless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint, and fortunately their promptness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all seek head.

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Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

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## KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

## FOR

## The Races

## AT

## Comstock Park!

## TRAINS

Will Leave the Union Depot at 11:00 and 11:30 a. m., 12:00 m., 12:15, 12:30, 12:45, 1:00, 1:30 and 2:00 p. m.

Trains will leave to return after the races as soon as filled up.

Last train will wait till all are ready to leave.